

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for communicating, comprising:
 - 2 transmitting a set of first training symbols using a first communication
 - 3 channel; and
 - 4 transmitting one or more sets of second training symbols using one or
 - 5 more second communication channels;
 - 6 wherein the one or more second sets of training symbols are based on the
 - 7 set of first training symbols and a cross-correlation estimate between the first set of
 - 8 training symbols and at least one of the sets of second training symbols is essentially
 - 9 zero.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein at least the first set of training symbols is
2 transmitted using an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing technique.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein each cross-correlation estimate between
2 the first set of training symbols and every set of the one or more sets of second training
3 symbols is essentially zero.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein each cross-correlation estimate between
2 every two sets of training symbols of the one or more sets of second training symbols is
3 essentially zero.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one set of the one or more sets of
2 second training symbols is substantially identical to the set of first training symbols with
3 a phase shift.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein every set of the one or more sets of
2 second training symbols is substantially identical to the set of first training symbols with
3 a respective phase shift.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the first set of training signals is
2 transmitted using a first transmit device and at least one of the one or more sets of second
3 training signals is transmitted using a second transmitting device.
- 1 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
 - 2 receiving the set of first training symbols;
 - 3 receiving at least one of the one or more sets of second training symbols;
 - 4 and

5 characterizing two or more communication channels based on the set of
6 first training symbols and the one or more second sets of training symbols.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein characterizing the two or more
2 communication channels does not use a matrix inversion.

1 10. A method of communicating, comprising:
2 receiving a set of first training symbols;
3 receiving one or more sets of second training symbols; and
4 characterizing two or more communication channels based on the set of
5 first training symbols and the one or more second sets of training symbols;
6 wherein a cross-correlation estimate between the set of first training
7 symbols and at least one of the sets of second training symbols is essentially zero.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein at least the set of first training symbols
2 transmitted using an orthogonal frequency division multiplexing technique.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein each cross-correlation estimate between
2 the set of first training symbols and every set of the one or more sets of second training
3 symbols is essentially zero.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein each cross-correlation estimate between
2 every two sets of training symbols of the one or more sets of second training symbols is
3 essentially zero.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein at least one set of the one or more sets of
2 second training symbols is substantially identical to the set of first training symbols with
3 a phase shift.

1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein every set of the one or more sets of
2 second training symbols is substantially identical to the set of first training symbols with
3 a respective phase shift.

1 16. The method of claim 10, wherein characterizing two or more
2 communication channels does not use a matrix inversion.

1 17. The method of claim 10, wherein the set of first training signals is
2 transmitted using a first transmit device and the one of the one or more sets of second
3 training signals is transmitted using a second transmitting device.

1 18. A set of communication signals, comprising:
2 a first electromagnetic signal that contains a set of first training symbols;
3 a second electromagnetic signal that contains a set of second training
4 symbols;
5 wherein a cross-correlation estimate between the set of first training
6 symbols and the set of second training symbols is essentially zero.

1 19. The set of communication signals of claim 18, wherein the set of second
2 training symbols is substantially identical to the set of first training symbols with a phase
3 shift.

1 20. The set of communication signals of claim 19, wherein the set of first
2 training signals is transmitted using a first transmit device and the set of second training
3 signals is transmitted using a second transmitting device.

1 21. An apparatus for communicating, comprising:
2 a first transmit device that transmits a set of first training symbols; and
3 a second transmit device that transmits a set of second training symbols;
4 wherein a cross-correlation estimate between the set of first training
5 symbols and the set of second training symbols is essentially zero.

1 22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the set of second training symbols is
2 substantially identical to the set of first training symbols with a phase shift.

1 23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the set of second training symbols is
2 related to the set of first training symbols according to:

$$t_2[n, k] = t_1[n, k]W_K^{-kl_0},$$

3 where $t_1[n, k]$ is the set of first training symbols, $t_2[n, k]$ is the set of second training
4 symbols and

$$W_K^{-kl_0} = \exp\left(-j\frac{2\pi kl_0}{K}\right),$$

7 where n is an ODFM block, k is an OFDM sub-band, K is a total number of
8 OFDM sub-bands and l_0 is a reference frequency.

1 24. An apparatus for communicating, comprising:

2 a receive device that receives at least a set of first training symbols
3 transmitted by a first transmit device and a set of second training symbols transmitted by
4 a second transmit device; and

5 an estimator that estimates at least a first channel related to the first
6 transmit device based on at least the set of first training symbols;

7 wherein a cross-correlation estimate between the set of first training
8 symbols and the set of second training symbols is essentially zero.

1 25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the estimator further estimates the first
2 channel based on at least the set of second training symbols.

1 26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the estimator estimates the first
2 channel without using a matrix inversion.

1 27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the set of second training symbols is
2 substantially identical to the set of first training symbols with a phase shift.

1 28. The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the set of second training symbols is
2 related to the set of first training symbols according to:

$$t_2[n,k] = t_1[n,k]W_K^{-kl_o},$$

where $t_1[n, k]$ is the set of first training symbols, $t_2[n, k]$ is the set of second training symbols and

$$W_K^{-kl_0} = \exp\left(-j \frac{2\pi kl_0}{K}\right).$$

where n is an ODFM block, k is an OFDM sub-band, K is a total number of OFDM sub-bands and f_0 is a reference frequency.

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